
PREFACE



It is with great satisfaction to present another issue of *Security Forum*, a scientific semiannual journal that has, for years, served as a platform for the exchange of ideas, professional experience, and research findings devoted to the broad field of security studies. In a world characterized by accelerating change, growing uncertainty in the international environment, and increasingly complex threats, the role of rigorous scientific inquiry and professional debate has never been more important.

Contemporary security can no longer be viewed solely through the lens of national defense. Globalization, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, cyber threats, hybrid warfare, disinformation campaigns, migration crises, geopolitical tensions, and

climate-related challenges have made security a multidimensional and interdisciplinary concept. Today, the stability of nations depends not only on military capabilities but also on institutional resilience, societal adaptability, public trust, information security, and the effectiveness of crisis management systems.

Current developments in the security environment clearly demonstrate that the boundaries between internal and external threats, military and non-military challenges, as well as physical and digital domains, are becoming increasingly blurred. Governments, international organizations, and security institutions must operate in a reality where effective risk mitigation requires not only adequate resources but also knowledge, foresight, and the ability to integrate expertise from multiple disciplines and professional fields.

In this context, cooperation between academia and practitioners becomes particularly significant. My years of experience in law enforcement, state institutions, public administration, and international cooperation have confirmed that the most

effective solutions emerge at the intersection of theory and practice. Academic research provides methodologies, analytical frameworks, and the ability to formulate broader conclusions, while practitioners validate these concepts under real-world conditions. The interaction of these perspectives creates the intellectual value necessary for the continued development of security studies as a scientific discipline.

The authors featured in this issue address a wide range of topics encompassing both theoretical considerations and practical dimensions of security systems. The published articles examine contemporary challenges facing governments, public institutions, and organizations responsible for safeguarding security. Their common objective is to seek answers to questions concerning the effectiveness of protective mechanisms, the development of national resilience, the efficiency of preventive measures, and opportunities for improving existing organizational and legal frameworks.

One of the most significant themes in contemporary security research is the concept of national resilience. The events of recent years – including the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia’s war against Ukraine, energy crises, cyberattacks targeting public institutions and private enterprises, disinformation campaigns, and the growing activity of both state and non-state actors in the information domain—have demonstrated that security must be understood as the capacity to anticipate threats, prepare for their occurrence, respond effectively when they emerge, and rapidly restore capabilities in their aftermath. Resilience has become one of the defining indicators of a nation’s security potential.

Equally important is the development of emerging technologies. Artificial intelligence, big data analytics, autonomous systems, and advanced information technologies offer unprecedented opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of institutions responsible for security. At the same time, they generate new risks and vulnerabilities that require in-depth analysis, appropriate regulatory frameworks, and the preparation of highly qualified professionals capable of operating in an increasingly complex operational environment.

Security Forum remains committed to fostering intellectual openness and encouraging a diversity of perspectives, research methodologies, and analytical approaches. I firmly believe that scientific progress depends upon the free exchange of ideas, critical examination, and the courage to address challenging questions regarding the future evolution of security systems. The role of an academic journal is not to impose definitive answers but rather to provide a forum where such answers can be explored, debated, and refined.

I am confident that the articles published in this issue will serve as a valuable source of knowledge for scholars, security professionals, members of law enforcement and intelligence communities, public administration officials, students, and all those interested in security-related issues. I also hope that these contributions will inspire further research, deeper analysis, and practical initiatives aimed at strengthening national security and resilience.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the authors for their intellectual contributions, to the reviewers for their professionalism and commitment to maintaining the highest academic standards, and to the members of the Editorial Board and Scientific Council for their continued efforts in advancing the quality and reputation of this journal.

I wish you an engaging and thought-provoking reading experience, one that encourages reflection and contributes to a deeper understanding of the complex processes shaping security in the twenty-first century.

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